

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, and 13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, and 13 have been amended. This amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination to ensure that these amendments be entered and examined. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

No new matter is added by the amendments and new claims, which find support throughout the specification and figures. In particular, the amendments find support at least in the specification at page 5, lines 1-10, which indicates that the message may be a “phrase”, and that the phrase communicates an idea, for example, “I am giving you a warning exactly because I think it is for your own good.” Further support for the feature “each phrase including two or more words in sequence forming a syntactic unit,” may be found in common knowledge in the art, and in particular in the dictionary, which defines phrase as “[t]wo or more words in sequence that form a syntactic unit that is less than a complete sentence.” (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, 2000). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not present new matter.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,245,405 to Lien et al. (hereinafter Lien) in view of United States Patent No. 5,999,084 to Armstrong (hereinafter Armstrong). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 relates to a recording medium on which are recorded computer-readable and executable software programs that perform processing by taking as commands an output from a controller which has a variable output pressure sensing means. In the recording medium of claim

1, the software programs include processing programs that display messages on a screen of a computer in accordance with the output of the controller, and each message includes a pre-defined *phrase* having a plurality of phrase components that are sequentially displayed on the screen in a pre-defined order. In claim 1, *each phrase includes two or more words in sequence forming a syntactic unit*.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose displaying a phrase that includes words in sequence forming a syntactic unit. Lien apparently discloses words and letter combinations being displayed (Lien; col. 2, lines 5-21), however these words and letter combinations are apparently selected based on sounds (e.g., consonant and vowel). Furthermore, there is no suggestion that word combinations are formed that form a syntactic unit. Armstrong does not appear to relate to displaying messages at all. Therefore, neither of the references discloses or suggest the feature of displaying messages including a pre-defined phrase in which each phrase includes two or more words in sequence forming a syntactic unit. Since neither of the references discloses this feature, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the references.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

Independent claims 4 and 9 include a feature similar to the feature discussed above in regard to claim 1, and therefore these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 5, 7, and 8 depend from claim 4 and claims 10, 12, and 13 depend from claim 9, and therefore these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims are allowable.

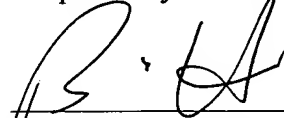
Additionally, Applicants maintain that there is no motivation to combine Lien and Armstrong. The Examiner suggests that the motivation to combine the references may be found in Armstrong at col. 2, line 64 to col. 3, line 5. However, this merely presents a purported advantage of Armstrong, and does not provide a motivation to combine such reference with Lien, and thus improperly resorts to hindsight reasoning in justifying the combination. With respect, the Office Action fails to indicate why one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine the teachings of Lien and Armstrong.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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